

April 8, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am pleased to let you know that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) expects that an additional \$16 million from our annual appropriations of National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Programs will be dedicated to supporting clinicians serving at Indian Health Service facilities, Tribally-Operated 638 Health Programs, and Urban Indian Health Programs (known collectively as ITUs).

For the past several years, HRSA has been able to set aside \$15-16 million each year for ITUs. Every eligible applicant serving at an ITU has received an NHSC award. Because the 2025 application window for HRSA's [National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Programs](#) is now open until May 1, we are asking for your help in publicizing this opportunity.

Here are a few aspects of the program that might be helpful to share:

- HRSA's NHSC Loan Repayment Programs offer licensed primary care providers in eligible disciplines the opportunity to receive loan repayment ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000.
- In exchange, providers commit to serve full- or half-time at an ITU for at least 2 years.
- The application cycle is for three NHSC loan repayment programs: the [National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program](#), the [Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program](#), and the [Rural Community Loan Repayment Program](#).
- ITUs are auto-approved for Health Professional Shortage Areas. To become recognized as an NHSC site, ITUs can submit an application to HRSA throughout the year. HRSA encourages Tribal Leaders to notify local ITUs of this program which can serve as a valuable recruitment and retention tool for employing primary care providers. More information can be found at [HRSA National Health Service Corps Auto-Approved Sites](#).
- HRSA recommends that ITUs use the [Health Workforce Connector](#), a free website connecting health professionals to job opportunities in high-need communities. HRSA analysts in your state can answer questions and provide ITUs with strategies to enhance their online profile and increase the likelihood of attracting providers.
- Interested clinicians can learn more about eligibility requirements on the NHSC website.

I ask that you share this information with the [NHSC-approved health care facilities](#) in your communities. Additionally, these facilities can [sign up](#) for emails to be notified when the application cycle opens.

If you have questions, please [contact us](#). Thank you in advance for helping us publicize this important funding opportunity. HRSA remains committed to working with Tribal Nations to support increased access to health care services in Indian Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Engels". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" and last name "Engels" clearly distinguishable.

Thomas J. Engels
Administrator